



# Program Summary

## Lands/Membership Department

### Overview

The Chippewas of Nawash Lands Department manages and monitors land use for band lands located at Neyaashiinigmiing as well as other lands held/acquired by the Chippewas of Nawash.

The Chippewas of Nawash Membership Department assists with maintaining band membership files/lists as well as assists members with new Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) registrations regarding births, deaths, marriages, transfers, name changes, and new status cards.

### Objectives and Services

#### Lands Department:

- updates and maintains open and archived land files
- monitors environmental land issues for band land
- monitors and records encroachment concerns
- processes leasing instruments (leases, addendums, assignments, relinquishments)
- facilitates land registration instruments (transfers, leases, permits, etc.)
- assists members with processes pertaining to surveys, land transfers, estates
- assigns civic address numbers
- assists members with locating existing survey stakes

#### Membership Department:

- compile and submits registration packages for births, deaths, marriages, transfers, name changes, etc.
- compiles new status cards for individuals
- assists members with filling out various types of registration forms
- facilitates the band's fishing license process

- advises Chief and Council on election process
- assists ISC with maintaining band membership data

### **Target Audience**

Lands and Membership Department: all band members, lessees, proponents and estate administrators.

### **Recent Developments**

Chief and Council have approved a new Assistant Lands Manager and a new Lands Technician. The assistant has been hired now.

### **Recent Limitations**

Specialized training for the new lands positions will not be offered until September 2025.

Office space is limited so we will be working in limited space until a new administration building can be built.

### **Next Steps**

A new lands technician will be hired soon.

With the new staff in place, various longstanding activities such as enhanced file management, policy making, GIS integration and LUP activities can begin.

### **Community Engagement**

If a band member requires assistance with any of the offered services, please call our office at 519-534-1689 or email at [larissa.johnston@nawash.ca](mailto:larissa.johnston@nawash.ca)

Chippewas of Nawash Lands and Membership also provide monthly program statistics to their committee. We encourage members to attend these public meetings.